

TRANSCRIPTION - ORIGINAL FOLLOWS

Dear Mr. Lent:

Thank you for your letter of October 20, concerning [words excised] interest in [illeg] how U.S. The failure [words illeg] the Solidarity Movement in Poland, and the refugees in Afghanistan.

[Illeg] U.S. foreign economic assistance programs are administered by the Agency for International Development [A.I.D.]. The purpose of A.I.D. is to help people in the Third World acquire the knowledge and resources to build the economic, political and social institutions necessary for a better life. A.I.D. has programs only in those countries who have requested them and does not administer any foreign military aid. With the hope that your constituent will find it helpful, we have enclosed an information sheet about A.I.D. which explains the process through which foreign economic assistance is administered.

In reply to [excised] questions about A.I.D. programs in Poland and Afghanistan, he should be aware that private individuals interested in making foreign assistance donations would make a contribution through one of the private or voluntary agencies registered with A.I.D. and not directly to the U.S. Government. Enclosed is the listing of the 159 such organizations. If [excised] is interested in learning more about how these organizations determine where the money is spent, he could write to them directly and request this information.

In the wake of the Polish Government's declaration of martial law, in December 1981 the U.S. Government suspended requests for U.S. agricultural assistance to Poland. However, humanitarian and medical aid are still being provided by private agencies such as CARE and Catholic Relief Services. In Afghanistan, there are 20 international and voluntary agencies involved in the distribution of relief efforts to aid Afghan refugees. In addition, U.S. Government contributions since the Soviet invasion of December

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1979 have totaled more than \$227 million. The enclosed information sheet on Afghan refugees in Pakistan discusses our relief efforts thus far.

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and are essential even when they are withheld. The continued
operation of the United States in foreign countries
and other matters than this.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Secretary for
Congressional Relations

Enclosures:

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